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ASQUITH'S BILL IS

Only Way to Reach an Agreed Settlement of Home Rule, He Believes.

REDMOND AGAIN MORE CONCESSIONS YET Nationalist Leader Has Little Faith in Proposal — Balfour and Lloyd George Cross Swords.

London, May 12.—That the House of Commons had and would maintain complete and ultimate mastery of the situation, and also that the only way to carry out any agreed settlement of the original measure, were two of the outstanding points in Premier Asquith's speech yesterday when moving the resolution in the House.

Although the resolution covered a trip of bills to be forced through under the operation of the Parliament Act, general interest centered in the Irish bill.

The Prime Minister rather adroitly turned the tables on the opposition in pointing out that the Unionists had washed their hands of responsibility for the Irish government bill and hence any suggestion stage or debate in committee must prove entirely futile and a waste of time. He reiterated his desire never to close the door on a settlement, as a proof of which he intended to introduce amendment proposals, although the government would ask the house to give third reading to the original bill before the Whitehall recess.

Home Law Minister, Mr. Asquith, admitted that the Home Rule bill as it stood was unsatisfactory since he had found an amending bill necessary, while with regard to parliamentary procedure he charged that the government was encroaching on the privileges of the opposition to such an extent that in any other parliament it would have provoked violent scenes.

The statement of the prime minister has nevertheless relieved the tension. The opposition, seeing that the bill must become law, realize that their best course is to fight to secure special treatment for Ulster, and that even more generous terms will be offered by the government than those held out at the time of the second reading, providing for temporary exclusion, is now regarded as almost certain.

The premier's proposals displeased not only the Unionists but also the Nationalists. The House was astonished at the spectacle of John Redmond turning upon the government with threatening language. The Irish minister approved the amending bill if it was an agreement, but if not, he would hold himself absolutely free to deal with the bill when it arrived. He had not much faith in an amending bill. The cheers following his eloquent reiteration of the ultimate triumph of the Irish cause indicated that the rank and file of the Liberals sympathized with the uncompromising spirit of Redmond rather than with the conciliatory attitude of the premier.

The latter part of the sitting was marked by stormy passages, in one of which Lloyd George and Balfour crossed swords. The chancellor of the exchequer accused Balfour of meeting the conciliatory efforts of the government with an attempt to provoke civil war, because the occasion of this charge being the amending bill, the suspicion is now gaining ground that Redmond will seize the earliest opportunity, once the amending bill becomes law, of breaking with the government.

The third and final reading of the Home Rule bill will be taken up before the end of May, it was announced in the House of Commons this afternoon.

FLORAL TRIBUTE FOR BURIAL OF MRS. PUGSLEY, FROM LIBERAL MEMBERS

Ottawa, May 12.—The Liberal members of the Commons through Chief Whip Farquhar arranged for a beautiful floral tribute to be placed on the bier of the late Mrs. Wm. Pugsley.

J. H. PLUMMER DENIES HE INTENDS TO RESIGN

Sydney, N. S., May 12.—President J. H. Plummer of the Dominion Steel Corporation when seen at his residence tonight respecting the report emanating from Montreal that he was about to resign the presidency of the company gave it a flat denial. He said the matter had not been discussed.

SOME IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITION OF AUSTRIAN EMPEROR.

Vienna, May 12.—An official bulletin tonight says that the condition of Emperor Francis Joseph is stationary, except that there has been some improvement in the condition of the bronchial tubes.

ST. JOHN'S CLAIMS WILL RECEIVE THE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF GOV'T

Delegation to Ottawa Well Pleased — Receive Satisfactory Assurance that No Agreement Will be Entered into Until Whole Situation is Dealt With by Cabinet.

HALIFAX NOT TO BE NAMED IN NEXT MAIL CONTRACT; COMPANIES WILL BE FREE TO CHOOSE

Hon. Mr. Hazen Assures Delegation New Wharves Under Contract to D. C. Clarke Will be Rushed Along and Ready in Time — St. John to Receive a Fair Show.

Ottawa, Ont., May 12.—Halifax will not be named in the next mail contract, and steamship companies will be given a free hand in the selection of their own port. Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways, will give his attention to the question of the Gutelius agreement on his return, and it is likely that before it is renewed it will be under the consideration of the full cabinet.

This was the effect of the statement made to a strong delegation from St. John which met several of the ministers today to discuss the local situation. The delegation expressed themselves as thoroughly satisfied and well pleased with the reception given them and the interest taken in these matters.

Another important matter affecting St. John was assured by Mr. Hazen. He announced that he was in a position to say that the completion of new wharves under contract to D. C. Clark and the Kidd Company for use during next season would be hurried on as speedily as possible and would be finished in time.

The delegation included E. A. Schofield in addition to the St. John and Fairville representatives. The ministers who received them were Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. Louis Lacombe, Secretary of State, Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, and Hon. J. D. Reid, acting Minister of Railways. Hon. Mr. Pelletier, Postmaster General, other members of the cabinet, present were Messrs. Fowler, Robinson, McLeod and Harris with Senators Daniel and Thorne in company with the delegation. The latter were entertained at luncheon by Mr. Hazen.

J. M. Robinson

The conference which was held in private resolved itself into a general discussion. J. M. Robinson, president of the St. John Board of Trade, explained the situation in so far as it affected the city of St. John. He dwelt upon the injustice to the business men and other residents of St. John of the Gutelius agreement with the C. P. R. How the arrangement worked out as to revenue and cost could easily be ascertained by the government from an examination of the railway accounts. In regard to the ports of Halifax and St. John he asked for simply equality of treatment. He had no fear but that if this was given there would be shown an advantage in favor of St. John on account of its geographical location.

He claimed that the advantage which St. John had nationally had been wiped out by giving the C. P. R. such a low rate over the I. C. R. Indeed this militated against the interests of the whole country it was at the country's expense.

Discussing the loss of traffic this year Mr. Robinson showed that only half of the tonnage of goods for St. John available this year had been shipped. Referring to the record of steamship arrivals and the despatch of mail, he pointed out that St. John had made consistently better time than Halifax, and there was nothing to show that there should be discrimination against St. John in favor of Halifax. Any delay there was through St. John was due to the longer haul over the I. C. R.

He called for support of the famous Lloyd George budget which the Lords threw out in 1909, but ten months later, when the appeal was made on the Parliament act and Irish home rule first became a practical possibility bought by a returned with a turnover of upwards of a thousand votes.

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PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR MEXICO

Mediators Working on Plan for Temporary Government Composed of Representatives of Both Factions.

Washington, May 12.—Elimination of General Huerta and the establishment of a provisional government in Mexico in which both the Huerta and the Constitutional faction would be represented is contemplated in a plan which the three South American mediators are now working out to be proposed for the solution of the entire Mexican problem.

This, the first intimation as to the details of the mediation plans, became known tonight, though neither the mediators nor the state department officials would make any statement as to how nearly complete is the plan to be submitted to the American and the Mexican delegates when they meet the South American envoys at Niagara Falls, Canada, next Monday.

It was learned that the proposal might be that the setting up of a temporary government be undertaken by a commission composed of five persons, two of them to be named by Huerta, two by the Constitutionalists and the fifth by the mediators.

Vera Cruz, May 12.—Tampeco was under bombardment by the Constitutionalists the entire day. Admiral Mayo, commanding the United States ships lying off that port, reported that artillery fire had been in progress from nine o'clock this morning. Whether the rebels were gaining interest or not, the British government, who are heavily interested about Tampeco, during the day ordered another warship to reinforce the British squadron in Mexican waters. The light draft cruiser Bristol received sailing orders for Tampeco. The ship carries a crew of nearly four hundred men and her draft working permit her to run up the Panuco river to Tampeco, and if necessary land men to protect British oil wells.

Mexico City, May 12.—Acting Foreign Minister Ruiz today telegraphed the South American mediators at Washington that United States Consul Stillman under arrest at Saltillo charged with aiding the rebels, had been ordered sent to Mexico City under guard to be delivered in Montreal tomorrow regarding the return of the Empresses to St. John.

NEW BRUNSWICK FAVORS CANADIAN BAR ASS'N

J. A. M. Aikin, K. C., M. P., of Winnipeg, Host to Barristers.

PLEASANT FUNCTION IN THE UNION CLUB

Distinguished Host Tells of Objects of Association — Meets With Approval of All Present.

An interesting function took place at the Union Club last evening when J. A. M. Aikin, K. C., M. P., of Winnipeg, entertained the members of the St. John Bar, and spoke of the importance of the Canadian Bar Association in maintaining the dignity of the profession, and utilizing the influence of the bar in moulding public opinion and promoting progress and prosperity.

Interesting speeches expressing the spirit of Canadian unity were also made by M. G. Teed, K. C., J. B. M. Baxter, M. L. A., H. A. Powell, and others.

The Guests.

Mr. Aikin's guests were: Chief Justice McLeod, Hon. A. St. White, Hon. H. A. McKeown, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, H. A. Powell, K. C., J. R. Armstrong, K. C., E. T. C. Knowles, K. C., W. B. Chandler, K. C., M. G. Teed, K. C., C. B. R. Armstrong, J. A. Sinclair, T. A. M. Skinner, E. C. Weyman, G. H. V. Belyea, S. B. Eustis, H. A. Porter, J. F. H. Teed, H. W. Robertson, T. P. Regan, W. A. Ewing, C. A. A. Wilson, K. C., J. King Kelley, K. C., L. P. D. Tilley, K. C., F. H. Taylor, A. W. Baird, C. H. Ferguson, B. S. Smith, J. A. Barry, H. B. Keith, S. W. Palmer, H. O. McInerney, K. J. Maclean, R. G. Murray, J. D. P. Lewis, B. L. Gowen and C. F. Sanford.

The menu was as follows:

Grape Fruit Cocktail.
Consomme Royale.
Boiled Harbor Salmon. Sauce Tarrar.
Sweetbreads and Mushrooms.
Creamed.
Roast Spring Lamb, Mint Sauce.
Roast Ribs of Beef, Dish Gravy.
Asparagus, Boiled Kidney Potatoes.
Champagne Punch.
Russian Salad.
Frozen Pudding, Charlotte Russe.
Bar-Le-Duc Jelly.
Celery.
Cream Cheese.
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C. F. Sanford.

After the toast to the King, C. F. Sanford, secretary of the St. John Law Society, made a brief address, explaining how the dinner came to be held. He said Mr. Aikin had written to M. G. Teed, president of the St. John Law Society in reference to affiliation with the Canadian Bar Association and offered to entertain all the members at a dinner.

Mr. Sanford read letters of regret at inability to attend from L. J. Tweedie, T. C. Allen, A. G. Gregory, A. B. Connell, J. F. Winslow and others. In their letters Mr. Tweedie and others expressed their approval of the project to unite the barristers' societies of all Canada.

J. A. M. Aikin.

Mr. Aikin, the host of the evening, then made an eloquent address, explaining the origin and proposed purposes of the Canadian Bar Association, and pointing out the great possibilities of a union of the members of the legal professions in the way of (Continued on page 2)

PROTESTANT BURIED IN UNCONSECRATED PART OF CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Some of Relatives Favored it and Brother May Ask the Courts to Secure Removal.

Montreal, May 12.—A sequel to the burial of L. Lafond, a Protestant farmer, who lived near St. Scholastique, Que., in unconsecrated ground consecrated to the Roman Catholic cemetery there at the request of some of his relatives and against the wishes of others came today when deceased brother, J. F. Lafond, laid the matter before the Montreal Presbytery at its meeting in Knox church.

The Presbytery decided to cooperate with Mr. Lafond in taking legal action to secure the removal of the body to the Protestant cemetery at Bellevue, Quebec.

Redmond may be towards the government. He has to reckon with the extreme Nationalistic opinion, which has been asserting itself against concessions to Ulster. The easiest way for Redmond to escape the embarrassment of amending the bill might be to bring about the downfall of the government.

PASSED ABANDONED STEAMER; MAY BE HULK OF COLUMBIAN

The Karamea Passed Vessel in Mid-Atlantic—The Direct Was Without Funnel.

Sydney, N. S., May 12.—The steamer Karamea, Captain Moss, which arrived at Sydney yesterday from London to load rails for Sydney, Australia, was seen in mid-Atlantic on May 8 from the steamer La Touraine to the effect that the latter had passed the direct the day before in latitude 44.17, longitude 89.1 west, and that it was considered dangerous to navigation. The abandoned steamer had no funnel and shipping men are unable to make any conjectures as to her identity.

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NOT SO MANY COMING FROM EUROPE THIS YEAR

Number of Immigrants to Montreal from Great Britain will be About Normal, However.

Montreal, May 12.—The falling off in emigration has not been so pronounced as most shipping men suspected, apparently considering the depressed trade conditions here. It was stated at the Canadian Pacific offices today that bookings from Great Britain were about normal, though there was a marked difference in the number of passages booked from European places.

Unionists Retain Seat in Great Grimsby

T. G. Tickler Has Majority of Nearly Three Hundred Over Liberal Opponent—Total Vote of Winner Greater Than in Last Election.

London, May 12.—With a majority decreased by 420 votes in a greatly increased poll the Unionists today retained the parliamentary borough of Great Grimsby, Lincolnshire, in a bye-election necessitated by the death of the late member, Sir George Doughty.

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SCATHING DELEGATION OF J. W. MOYES

Ontario Railway Board's Finding States Promoter Made False Representation to Procure Organization of the West Shore Railway Co.

Toronto, May 12.—In terms of scathing denunciation of John W. Moyes, the Ontario railway and municipal board today handed out its findings on the investigation into the affairs of the Ontario West Shore Railway, of which Moyes was promoter and president.

The conclusions state that John W. Moyes, by the false and fraudulent representation that \$12,500 had been paid into the Dominion bank, Toronto, on account of the capital stock, procured the Ontario West Shore Railway Company to be permanently organized.

That no permanent capital was contributed to the undertaking beyond the proceeds of the sale of the bonds guaranteed by the applicants, although fifteen of the unguaranteed bonds of a par value of \$15,000 appear to have been taken by the Provincial Steel Company in part payment of rails.

That the Ontario West Shore Railway Company, which was in fact John W. Moyes, the issuing of false and fraudulent progress certificates, charges against Vaughan M. Roberts, the railway company's engineer, of gross negligence and breach of duty.

Commenting on Mr. Moyes' evidence Chairman McIntyre says it was characterized throughout by shifty evasion, and as subsequent developments proved, by bold, reiterated falsehoods.

SHOULD FORCE GOV. TO REVISE EXCLUSION PLAN

London Correspondent of Belfast Paper Says Commons Would be Only Doing Duty in Compelling Commons to Take that Step.

London, May 13.—The London correspondent of the Belfast News-Letter writing before yesterday's proceedings says that the Commons would only be doing its duty if, instead of adopting the drastic closure resolution, it ordered the government to produce at once a plan for the exclusion of Easter.

Unfortunately the Unionists are not strong enough to employ such a tactical device, hence it looks as though the tactics of the government would once more suffice to deprive Ulster of another protective measure. Fortunately the Unionists have "one" unshakable argument, in the form of 100,000 Ulster volunteers, to call upon the government that in the end it must settle or fight. It is pointed out, says the News-Letter, that the possibility of a breach between the Nationalists and the government, over the passage of the Home Rule bill is secured, must not be dismissed as idle. However, well disposed Mr.